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**RURAL SUPPORT: KENTUCKY COMMISSIONER OF
EDUCATION VISITS IDAHO**

(BOISE) – Support for rural school districts was the focus of a morning meeting held at the Idaho State Department of Education. Superintendent Sherri Ybarra invited Commissioner Holliday to discuss rural education issues with over 30 district superintendents during a morning webinar, focusing on supporting rural school districts, flexibility, recruiting and retaining teachers, and also lack of technology. This webinar was recorded, and has been made available at http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/media_center/.

“We are grateful to have Commissioner Holliday visit Idaho today,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “As we work to change the culture of education in Idaho, it is important to not only collaborate with Idaho stakeholders, but to also collaborate with education experts such as Commissioner Holliday on rural education issues.”

From the Kentucky Department of Education website, Holliday’s previous experience includes serving as superintendent, associate superintendent, director of accountability, principal, assistant principal, director of instrumental music and band director in North Carolina and South Carolina.

“I am happy to visit with education leaders throughout the country, and to visit Idaho this morning,” Commissioner Holliday said. “I will continue to be involved in supporting states in their educational efforts to ensure that schools and student are receiving the support they deserve.”

Commissioner Holliday announced his retirement earlier this year, and will retire as the Kentucky Commissioner of Education on August 31, 2015 but will continue working to support superintendents throughout the nation. For more information on Commissioner Holliday’s visit to Idaho, please contact Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at jchurch@sde.idaho.gov.

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